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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant : Mingchih M. Tseng
Serial No. : 08/926,819 Confirmation No.: 7560
Filed : September 10, 1997
For : SHAVING SYSTEM
Group Art Unit : 3724
Examiner : Clark F. Dexter

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Honorable Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a)
FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a), applicant petitions for a suspension of action in the above-identified application for a six month period or until a decision is reached in Tseng v. Doroodian-Shoja, Interference No. 104,482.

Applicant requests this suspension of prosecution in the interest of administrative economy and consistency.

Tseng v. Doroodian-Shoja, Interference No. 104,482, which is pending before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, involves Tseng Application 08/461,318, the parent to the above-identified application. In the Interference, Doroodian-Shoja ("Doroodian") has contended that wear of the lubricating strip disclosed by Rogers U.S. Patent No. 5,113,585 would not be observable by the user and, thus, the Rogers '585 strip could not be an indicator strip. Although Tseng disputes this contention, Doroodian's position is contrary to the position taken by the Examiner in the October 23, 2000 Office Action. If the Board agrees with Doroodian's interpretation of Rogers '585, then it would be the position of the Patent and Trademark Office that Rogers '585 does not anticipate or obviate claims in this application, contrary to the Examiner's contention.

Until the Patent and Trademark Office resolves this matter, the continued prosecution of the claims pending in this application should be suspended in the interest of judicial economy and consistency for six months or until a decision is reached in Tseng v. Doroodian-Shoja, Interference No. 104,482. Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition be granted.

A check in the amount of \$130.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any

additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of the same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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